

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, November 21– Presentation of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**

5:00 P.M. - Joseph & Mary Mindzikiewicz  
(Bernardine Mindzikiewicz & Janice)

**Sunday, November 22- Our Lord Jesus Christ the King**

7:30 A.M. - Betty (Kit) Witwicki  
(Husband, Raymond & Family)  
9:00 A.M. - Mary Kubis (Husband Paul & Family)  
10:30 A.M. - James Porter (Wife & Family)  
- People of the Parish  
12:00 Noon - Richard Armstrong (Susan Armstrong)

**Monday, November 23– Clement I, pope, Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro**

8:00 A.M. - Thelma Boyd (Virginia Ihnat)

**Tuesday, November 24– Andrew Dung-Lac**

8:00 A.M. - Thelma Boyd (Catherine Denner)

**Wednesday, November 25– Catherine of Alexander**

8:00 A.M. - William Jurgevich  
(Pete Jurgevich & Family)  
9:00A.M. - Raymond Ily (SJA Faculty & Staff)

**Thursday, November 26– Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 A.M. - Adele Braun (Pat Gries)

**Friday, November 27– Weekday**

8:00 A.M. - Thelma Boyd (Catherine Denner)

**Saturday, November 28– Weekday**

5:00 P.M. - Tom Mahr (Catherine & Kevin Baldauf)

**Sunday, November 29- First Sunday in Advent**

7:30 A.M. - Charles & Elizabeth Priseloo  
(Geraldine Priseloo)  
9:00 A.M. - Adeline D’Amato  
(George & Linda Straka)  
10:30 A.M. - Cecilia Szawczyk  
( Rosemary, Marlene, Shirley & Kathy)  
- People of the Parish  
12:00 Noon - Carol Levis (Marlys Regina)

**Please remember in your prayers those who are sick:**

Rosemarie Jabo, Jeannie Obidzinski, Marnie Rennie, Louise Hillman, Emily Herring, Michael Pro, Paul Pro, Rich & Marie Fix, Cathy Villella, Judy Zabkar, Dottie Kennedy, Bob Bittner, Stephen Nicholas, Margaret Smith, Anna Pierce, Jericho Fedor, Pat Rae, Al Furno, Ed Stetar, Ian Roberts, Carl Humphreys, Frank Mathews, Camryn Surman, Chuck Vasco, Aileen Spamer, Donna Helbley, Patricia Rice and Ethan Loney . Help, save, pity and defend your servants O God by your grace!

**Financial Statement**

Last Week’s Income was:  
Regular Collection..... \$9,100.00  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**From the Pastor’s Desk**

Join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 AM and stay for donuts and coffee afterwards...it marks the 10th Anniversary of the laying of the Cornerstone at Domremy Pavilion by Native Parishioner Mr. Ange Bontempo...the offering of non-perishable food for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry will take place at the usual time....

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**Second Collection today** is for the Retirement Fund of Religious Sisters and Brothers.

**Second Collection next week is** for the Saint Vincent DePaul Society.

**Altar Flowers** - To purchase a poinsettia “In Memory of our Loved Ones,” please use the Christmas Flower Offering Envelope enclosed in your December packet of envelopes. Cost is a minimum of \$10. Deadline for ordering is MONDAY December 14, and please Print. Loved ones will be remembered at all the Masses during the Christmas season. Names will be published in the December 20th bulletin.

**Christmas Oplatki** available at the Rectory \$3.00 per package.

**Class for Parents of the First Child Baptism:** Monday, November 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory. Please call to register.

**NO Monday morning Bible Study this week** (Nov. 23rd), Will continue on December 3rd from 8:30AM to 9:30 AM.

**Mark Your Calendars: Life Enrichment Club,** December 2nd at 11:00AM to 1:30PM. Guest Speaker: Arlene Stevens speaking on “Understanding Reike.” All coming are invited bring your favorite “Appetizer” to share with the group. (Serving size to feed 5 people) Hope to see you there– bring a friend.

**Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for the Blessed Mother in Memory of Joseph Pointer, Requested by Wife & Sons. **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for one week for John the Baptist in Memory of Paul Matthews, Requested by Jeannie Matthews. **Altar Bread & Wine** for one week in Memory of Centofanti, Reid & Leombruno Families, Requested by M/M C. Leombruno & Teresa Reid.

**Thank You:** Donations were made to Saint Joan of Arc School in *Memory of Norm Brody* by: Beverly Bernard, David & Kathleen Porreca, Alice Foley (Sister) & Family, Karen Hudec, M/M Charles Bacchus, M/M John McCardle, Martin Smrek & M/M Mark Pellis.

**Father Ray’s Quotes:** Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited-until you try to sit in their pews.

**Scripture Reflection**

The Christian year of worship comes to an end, this Lord's day we celebrate "Christ the King". This day looks back as we gather to ourselves the memories of 51 weeks of worship and yes it looks forward to the beginning of a new year of worship as Advent beckons in just a few days. The lesson from Revelation says it well: "Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him." Christ has come in human flesh and Christ will come in glory.

But alas, a question bounces off the walls of my mind that will not let me go: What does it mean for us who live in a world with precious few kings to confess Christ the King? We who ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, who worship God with adoration and holy fear, confess that we have no Lord but Christ, no King but this One who wore a purple robe, whose brow was pierced with a crown of thorns.

At the very least, it means that our Lord is a King unlike any other. The lesson from John's Gospel retells the moment when Jesus stood before the Roman governor Pontius Pilate. The place was called "The Pavement." There, accused criminals would stand on a cold and silent floor, hearing the charges against them, fearing the judgment that would be meted out on them.

Jesus, on the other hand, was the One by whose power all things were made. To quote the Gospel: "In him was life, and the life was the light of all people." He was and is a King unlike any other because he is both the source of all life and the giver of all authority. To honor Christ the King is to remind ourselves that our Lord's royalty is that of being itself, the power and wisdom, mercy and grace that holds all that is in the embrace of eternal love. Have you offered this King your life's devotion?

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**Ireland Tour** - "Faith and History Tour" of Ireland, 12 days, June 29 – July 10, 2010. Special emphasis will be on the wonders of Irish history, along with some "pub time" and usual tourist highlights. For more information/call Fr. O'Shea at St. Valentine Parish (412-835-4415).

<b>Altar Server Schedule</b>	
<b>Saturday, November 28, 2009</b>	
5:00 P.M.	- M. Donahue
<b>Sunday, November 29, 2009</b>	
7:30 A.M.	- B. Sweis
9:00 A.M.	- T. Brdar, J. & N. Solomon
10:30 A.M.	- N. & M. Leng, A. Davis
12:00 Noon	- K. Messner

**Be an Angel...Give a gift!**



Our "Angel" tree will be decorated with angels beginning the week-end of November 28th and 29th. With your help, we will again be sending gifts to needy families in our area. Please pick an angel from our tree. On each angel you will find a "name", an age, and on some, a size. After you purchase the gift, *securely* attach the angel to your gift and leave the gift under the tree. ***Please do not wrap or seal the gift.*** (Christmas gift bags would be great!) And please, no perishable items, candy or snacks. Gifts can be left at the tree before or after Sunday masses, or before CCD or school. **Because the gifts are distributed to the families before Christmas, please return all gifts to the tree by Sunday, December 13th.**

Thank you in advance for sharing the joy and love of Christmas with a "stranger". You truly are a Christmas Angel! The St. Vincent DePaul Society is asking for donations of wrapping paper, gift bags and tape. These donations can be left in the vestibule of the church until December 13th.

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**SIGN A CARD FOR OUR SOLDIERS!** Dec 4 and 5 after all Masses, the Ladies Aux VFW Post 6664 will have greeting cards available to sign. Please stop by and jot a message to a soldier. We will send them with our packages. Thank you in advance for remembering our troops. Kathie Gasior 412-833-7561.



**Dear Joan,**



I have a favor to ask. Could you please ask the mommies and daddies who take their children to CCD to remember that there are boys and girls out there who require their parents to park in the handicapped spots? You see I am not able to walk and I require medical equipment to help me to live. My mommy has to take me to CCD because I require medical attention all the time. I want my brother and sister to go and learn all the wonderful things that CCD has to offer. I want them to lead a life as normal as possible, but sometimes our family's normal is not the same as everyone else's. I know that many times that the parents are in a rush or that route 88 might seem difficult to cross, but imagine what my mom would have to do if she has to do the same thing with me? I hope that one-day when I get stronger that I will have the same opportunity to go and learn like my siblings at CCD. I know the people under your care will do the right thing. Thank you for listening.

**Sincerely, Joshua**

**Brunch with Santa, Save the date:** Enjoy the magic of the holidays through the eyes of your child at Santa's Brunch on Saturday, December 12, 2009 in the Gathering Place. Children will have the opportunity to create holiday crafts, visit with Santa, read stories with Mrs. Claus and dine on a scrumptious kid-friendly brunch. **More information to follow.**



**Christmas Bake Sale:** Delicious homemade nut, poppy-seed or apricot rolls. Each roll is 16" and filled with the finest ingredients. Also, the ever popular spiced walnuts, made with cinnamon sugar and a hint of clove. Makes a great gift! Rolls are \$12 each; walnuts are \$10 for a 1lb box. Orders must be received by Dec 13th and may be picked up Dec 19 and 20. Look for order forms in the bulletin or call: (412) 854-1089. Benefits Appalachian Work Camp.

**SJA School 2010 Lottery Tickets :** Each ticket is \$25.00 for the full year for 365 chances to win off the 7:00 PM Lottery Contact Tamara Manion @ 724-348-9036

**50/50 Raffle to Benefit Saint Joan of Arc School.**

Tickets are \$1.00 donation and the drawing will be held on December 21 at the SJA School Christmas Program. Santa will be pulling the lucky number!!! Tickets are available at the certificate table, the Fish Fry, and are available in the School Office. Help support our school, and take a chance at some extra Holiday CASH!!!!

**The Sisters of St. Francis are sponsoring their 4th annual Take Out Lasagna Dinner on Friday, December 11th** from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM at their Motherhouse, located in the Whitehall section of Pittsburgh's South Hills (15234). Each dinner costs \$6.00 and includes a choice of cheese or meat lasagna in a marinara sauce, dinner roll and brownie. To order take-out lasagna dinner, please call 412-885-7232 by 1:00 PM on Monday, December 7th.

**SPECIAL ADVENT SERIES AT NATIVITY:** The Nativity of the Lord in the Gospels will be presented on Wednesdays, December 2, 9, and 16 beginning with the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Fr. William Fay, noted scripture teacher, will speak on the Christmas story as found in the gospel. Join us in church for an enlightening and prayerful look at the Birth of Christ as presented in Sacred Scripture.

**The Sisters of the Divine Redeemer at Elizabeth Township** are sponsoring a Day of Reflection at the Motherhouse on Saturday, November 28 from 9:30 AM to 5 PM with Father Angelus Shaughnessy of EWTN fame. The day will include 3 talks, Holy Hour, Stations, Rosary, lunch, confessions and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Donation of \$30 per person may be paid at the door but please call Sister Rosemary at 412 751-8600.

## CCD

**Congratulations** to the 47 young men and women of our parish who received the sacrament of Confirmation this last week. We offer them our prayers, support, and encouragement as they join us in our journey of faith. A special thank you to all of the catechists who have worked over the years to prepare these students for this important step in their faith journey.

**Children's Liturgy** will begin November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:30 Mass. After the opening hymn, all children who are currently in kindergarten through third grade are invited to follow Mrs. Donna Tressler into the Gathering Place to hear the Gospel discussed in terms that they can relate to. The children then return to Mass during the offertory hymn and continue the Mass with their families. The Children's Liturgy will be held every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month during the 10:30 Mass through the month of April.

**There will be NO CCD classes on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> or Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** due to the Thanksgiving holiday. (Just one more thing to be thankful for!) Classes for all grades resume on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Youth Group

**DAY OF SERVICE** – The SJA Youth Group used their God given strength and energy to help 34 parishioner & members of our community. 38 teenagers and 15 adults accomplished much. The teens did light housekeeping, cleaned gutters, raked, and left behind nearly 500 bags of leaves. The homeowners were very appreciative and treated the workers with cookies, hot chocolate, and more (including a new pair of shoes ... they were quite the conversation piece at our wrap up meeting!) The day ended with a hot pasta dinner and each group sharing their story of the day's events.

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**ADVENT SPEAKER AT OUR LADY OF GRACE— WEDNESDAY, DEC. 2** St. Jeanne Jugan, foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor, was remarkable for her humility and love for the poor. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, humble and poor, come hear the story of St. Jeanne, whose mission of caring for the elderly poor continues in 205 homes around the world, including one right in Brighton Heights! Little Sister Rosemary Yao will share about the life of St. Jeanne Jugan, explain the process of her canonization, and share about the life and work of the Little Sisters Sr. Rosemary's presentation will take place at Our Lady of Grace Church, in the Upper Room, following 7:00 p.m. Mass, Wednesday, Dec. 2. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. For more information, call 412-279-7070.